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Through the implementation of traffic-calming measures identified in Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans (NTMP), the City of Edina is working to address problems related to traffic volume and speed. “Cut-through” traffic cannot be eliminated, but can be alleviated in some cases.

Guidelines for NTMPs were established based on input from Edina residents, Transportation Commission, City Council, traffic engineering principles and the success of similar programs under way in other communities.



To improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, this comprehensive process provides you and your neighbors with resources to reduce speeding and traffic volumes and address other traffic-related issues that concern you.

The NTMP toolbox may include, but is not limited to: striping modifications; traffic signal timing modifications; installation of strategically placed turn restriction signs;

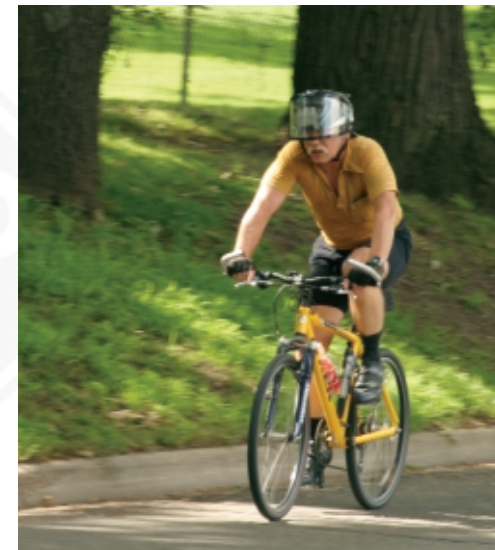
one-way street conversions; installation of speed humps; construction of chokers, traffic circles and raised medians; and the use of landscaping and other streetscape features.

While working to improve the livability of neighborhoods by responding to requests dealing with speeding and excessive volumes of traffic on streets, the goal of the NTMP is also to be sensitive to areas where, due to the implementation of calming measures, there might be a potential for diversion of traffic onto other streets and/or into other neighborhoods.



NTMP Objectives

- Improve driver behavior, concentration and awareness.
- Reduce speeds and traffic volumes.
- Enhance the neighborhood environment.





What is the NTMP?

The NTMP is a relatively new approach to calming traffic in Edina. The methods used by the City in the past sometimes only provided temporary remedies, shifting traffic problems from one location to another. Through this new proactive and preventive program, residents are provided with the educational and engineering tools necessary to implement strategic measures to modify driver behavior to help make local streets safer.

In partnership, residents will work closely with Engineering Department staff to learn how traffic can best be calmed in their neighborhood through:

- Engineering
- Education
- Enforcement

Together, the residents and the Engineering Department staff develop an action plan to help calm traffic in their neighborhoods. The NTMP seeks creative, comprehensive and lasting solutions to traffic issues by considering the neighborhood as a whole and involving residents in the decision-making process.

Depending on the issues and level of community involvement, it can take from six months to two years to develop and carry out an action plan. Afterward, residents are provided with recommendations for continued community-based efforts to ensure success.

How Do I Make an NTMP Request?

Residents must request an NTMP study by submitting an application. An application can be obtained on the City's website at www.CityofEdina.com or by contacting the Engineering Department.


How Does the NTMP Work?

When the City's Engineering Department receives an application, City staff gathers and reviews preliminary traffic and safety data. If the issue involves the potential implementation of a limited number of traditional traffic control devices or is an immediate safety hazard, the Engineering Department will forward the issue to the Traffic Safety Committee and conduct the investigation consistent with the City of Edina's traffic sign policies and guidelines. If the issue is relative to traffic calming, the request will be logged under the NTMP program.

NTMP applications are due by the second Monday in February of each year. Once in the NTMP program, the criteria for screening and ranking will be applied to prioritize studies for

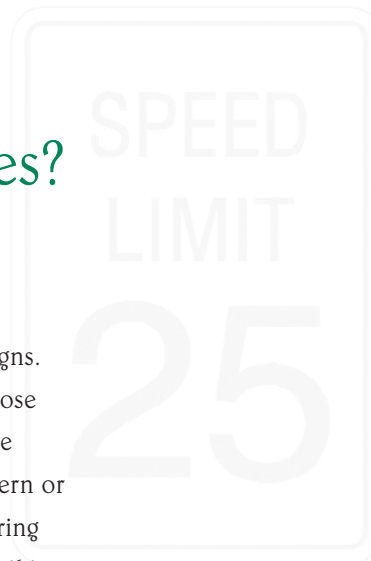
trial and evaluation of an NTMP. If an application is selected by the Transportation Commission and City Council, City staff then work directly with the community to study potential solutions and assist the community in reaching a consensus on the appropriate issue. A plan can be implemented only if there is substantial community support, funding is identified and the plan is adopted by the City-prescribed process.

Once support is confirmed and the plan approved by the Council, the measures are implemented. Some measures require temporary implementation for a test period of up to 12 months. If after the test period, the measures are found to be effective and are acceptable to the community, the measures may be made permanent. Plan acceptance requirements include educating residents about the possibility that they may be asked to fund the installation and maintenance of NTMP projects through additional taxes and/or special assessments.



Does the NTMP Affect Other City Traffic Policies?

The existing traffic policies of Edina are still in effect. The City of Edina has separate policies for the use of residential stop, multi-way stop, on-street parking, pedestrian crosswalk, speed limit, warning and yield signs. Each of the City's traffic sign policies explains the purpose and details of the policy, as well as the process used when a traffic safety concern or request is brought to the City's Engineering Department. In all cases, the City Council is the final authority on traffic safety matters.



Teaming Up for a Better Neighborhood

This exciting program requires commitment from you and your neighbors. To qualify your neighborhood for selection, an application form must be completed. Please contact the Edina Engineering Department today.

The Transportation Commission meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. All meetings are open to the public and are typically held in the Community Room at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St.

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